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## Notes and Comments.

KEEP the 3000 mark before you.

Do you need a Bible? Send us \$3.50 and we will mail you a \$5.00 Bible and send the EVANGELIST one year free.

THE editorial on the work of the Conferences for 1895, is crowded out this week, but will appear in next issue.

THE first edition of the tract, "Why I am a member of the Brethren Church," is entirely exhausted. We have orders for some, and will get out another edition as soon as time permits.

OUR readers will be pleased to learn that the difficulty which existed among the brethren in Virginia, has been peaceably adjusted. The work of the committees will appear in next paper.

THE K. C. paper for December was mailed sometime ago. It is an eight page and a very creditable number. The young people are developing into worthy contributors, just what the church so much needs. This feature of the K. C. cannot be emphasized too much. It is remarkable to note the talent the young people's movement in our denomination has brought to the front. Much of it, we would never have heard of, but for the K. C. movement. The Lord bless this work everywhere.

THE brethren at Hickory Grove, have dedicated their new church, which will hereafter be known as "Bethesda Church." The name is appropriate, and we trust that under the care of P. M. Swinehart, it may always be to weary souls as the name indicates, a "house of mercy." Particulars next week.

WITHIN one week from date we will be able to make a definite announcement concerning the new Hymn Book. We have had numerous inquiries as to when the book will be ready, or whether it will be published at all or not. Many of our people have been waiting for this book, and indeed have "shifted" along with old books, that they might purchase their own when completed. We appreciate the good spirit manifested by our people, and are glad that we will be able to make definite announcements very soon.

CHURCH News is sometimes unavoidably delayed. Last week all the news was "set up," but over a page was crowded out for want of space. It appears this week. We are anxious to receive *all* the news of the church, but we *must* ask for little more brevity. We would rather have twenty-five congregations represented each week, occupying two pages in the paper, than have ten congregations represented occupying three pages in the paper. Let us have numerous, but brief correspondence.

THE church at Satisfury, Pa., was organized by brother J. C. Mackey, with thirty-two members. A Sunday-school was also organized, with brother M. J. Beachy as superintendent. His ability as a leader of the young people is well known to us and we predict success for the Satisfury organization. Literature has been ordered for the school, which is as it ought to be. Now why not organize a rousing K. C. Society? Write to brother J. O. Talley, Milledgeville, Ill., and he will give you full instructions.

SEND in your order for Satan's Taffy Dishes—a four page tract for the little people. Sunday schools, K. C. Seniors and Juniors and S. S. C. E's, should purchase large lots of this tract and distribute them freely. It will do good. The tract contains a full page illustration which is sure to please the little folks. Price, 10 cents per dozen, 50 copies, 25 cents, 100 copies, 40 cents. For further description see editorial in this issue.

WE have frequently called attention to the folly of announcing sensational themes for pulpit treatment. We do not wish to make a "hobby" of this subject, but the following from the *Buffalo Express* so forcibly illustrates the influence of such a method on the ordinary hearer, that we give it in full:

Farmer Oatcake, who, with his good wife, 'Mandy, is on a brief visit to a daughter-in-law in Buffalo, looked over the newspapers on Saturday in an endeavor to find a church service on the following day which he might attend with hope of securing spiritual satisfaction. He soon learned that the following scriptural subjects would be discussed from various city pulpits: "Is the Trilby Craze Dying Out?" "Fitzsimmons vs. Corbett;" "How the Pastor Spends His Vacation;" "Should Our Daughters Marry Foreign Noblemen?" "High Sleeves and Theater Hats;" "The Gold Brick Saloon;" "Canal Street on Saturday night;" "Wordsworth and the Lake School of Poetry;" "The Fifty-third Congress;" "Rights of Motormen." Farmer Oatcake gave it up after a while and laid down the paper, saying with a sigh: "Laws sakes, 'Mandy! I do believe that the Gospel and the scheme of salvation have gone clear out of fashion."

WE had intended to make full announcement of our premium offers this week but are delayed again. We shall try our best to bring it out in the next issue, when there will also be some change in the "make up" of the paper.